

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAJACOB CASIAS,
Plaintiff,

v.

F. TAPIA-ALCAZAR, JR., et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 25-cv-00316 BLF (PR)

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
IDENTIFY DOE DEFENDANTS**

(Docket No. 25)

Plaintiff, a state prisoner, filed the instant *pro se* civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against correctional officers and mental health staff at Salinas Valley State Prison (“SVSP”), where he was previously confined. Dkt. No. 9. On May 6, 2025, the Court screened the complaint, found it stated cognizable claims, and ordered the matter be served on Defendants. Dkt. No. 20. Plaintiff was also directed to identify John Doe Defendants through discovery and file a motion to amend to add their proper names to this action within fifty-six days from the date the order was filed, i.e., by July 1, 2025. *Id.* at 7.

Plaintiff has filed a letter requesting an extension of 60-90 days to name the Doe Defendants because he has yet to engage in discovery. Dkt. No. 25. Plaintiff states that he has been transferred to three different prisons in the past three weeks, hospitalized for back problems, and on suicide watch; he also does not have his legal paperwork. *Id.* at 1. Good

cause appearing, the request is **GRANTED**.

Plaintiff shall proceed with discovery as soon as possible and file a motion to amend the proper names of Doe Defendants **no later than September 23, 2025**, which is an extension of eighty-four (84) days from the original deadline of July 1, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _July 31, 2025_


BETH LABSON FREEMAN
United States District Judge

United States District Court
Northern District of California